

July 9, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable David Weiss
U.S. Attorney
District of Delaware

Dear U.S. Attorney Weiss:

Based on information provided to my office from individuals aware of the meeting, on October 23, 2020, Justice Department and FBI Special Agents from the Pittsburgh Field Office briefed Assistant U.S. Attorney Lesley Wolf, one of your top prosecutors, and FBI Special Agents from the Baltimore Field Office with respect to the contents of the FBI-generated FD-1023 alleging a criminal bribery scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and Hunter Biden; however, the meeting did not include any IRS agents. In addition, based on information provided to my office, potentially hundreds of Justice Department and FBI officials have had access to the FD-1023 at issue, which begs the question that I've been asking since the start of my oversight in this matter: what steps have the Justice Department and FBI taken to investigate the allegations? You, Attorney General Garland, and Director Wray have failed to answer.

As you are aware, IRS whistleblowers have affirmed that AUSA Wolf prevented investigators from seeking information about Joe Biden's involvement in Hunter Biden's criminal business arrangements;¹ AUSA Wolf frustrated investigative efforts to question Rob Walker about Joe Biden;² AUSA Wolf admitted that "more than enough probable cause" had been achieved for a physical search warrant at Joe Biden's guest house but prevented it from happening due to "optics";³ AUSA Wolf prevented investigators from searching Hunter Biden's storage unit;⁴ AUSA Wolf called Hunter Biden's defense counsel informing him of the interest in the storage unit.⁵ Did AUSA Wolf take similar proactive measures to frustrate any investigation into the FD-1023?

In light of AUSA Wolf's alleged questionable and obstructive conduct during the course of your investigation, I'm seeking clarification from you with respect to your knowledge of these allegations and how you've handled them. Please answer the following questions no later than July 21, 2023:

¹ Interview Transcript of IRS Whistleblower Gary A. Shapley Jr., at 14-22, 119 (May 26, 2023). https://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Whistleblower-1-Transcript_Redacted.pdf; *See also*, Interview Transcript of unnamed IRS whistleblower (June 1, 2023). https://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Whistleblower-2-Transcript_Redacted.pdf.

² Shapley Interview at 18.

³ *Id.* at 14-15, 111.

⁴ *Id.* at 114-15.

⁵ *Id.* at 21, 115.

1. When did you become aware of the October 2020 briefing provided by Justice Department and FBI officials to AUSA Wolf and the FBI Baltimore Field Office?
2. Are you aware of any steps AUSA Wolf and the Baltimore Field Office took to investigate the information within the FD-1023 before and after the October 2020 briefing? If so, what steps were taken and when? If not, why not?
3. Why were IRS agents not included in the October 2020 briefing?
4. Does the scope of your alleged “ongoing investigation” include criminal bribery with respect to the alleged criminal scheme between a foreign national and then-Vice President Biden and Hunter Biden? If not, why not?
5. Have you taken any steps to recover the alleged audio recordings and related evidence referenced in the FD-1023? If not, why not?
6. When were you assured that you would be granted § 515 Authority in the District of Columbia, the Central District of California, or any other district where charges could be brought in the Hunter Biden matter? Have you requested that specific authority yet? If not, why not? If so, when, where and was the request satisfied?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Budget

cc:

The Honorable Michael Horowitz
Inspector General
Department of Justice